

FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified firefighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training in and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving and operating fire department vehicles. Employees of this class are also responsible for the maintenance of the fire station and for completing records as assigned. Duties are performed with some independence in accordance with defined instructions and procedures. This class reports to, has work reviewed by, and is supervised by company officers designated by the Fire Chief.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Trains for, performs, and maintains proficiency in firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines, directing fire streams, ventilating buildings, and using ladders, lines and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire calls. Positions apparatus and connects to an adequate water supply to supply adequate pressure and volume as required. Calculates required water flow, friction loss, intake and discharge pressures necessary for fire suppression. Observes and responds to changes in fireground conditions.

Performs salvage tasks necessary to protect property using covers, tarps, or other materials. Constructs catch-alls and chutes to trap and dispose water. Performs overhaul operations by locating and extinguishing hidden fires and hot spots, and by removing debris and charred waste.

Participates in fire investigation and fire cause determination as directed. Observes witnesses at fire scene and informs officer in charge of suspected arson. Testifies in court as required.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned firefighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, and related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles and performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required. Inspects fire hydrants, conducts flow tests, and periodically flushes hydrants to remove rust and sediment.

Performs proper maintenance of facilities and grounds such as cleaning floors, windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, and notifying officer in charge of needed repairs.

Participates in assigned training drills individually or as a member of a group, and attends special schools or courses as assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Performs public relations duties such as calming citizens at a fire scene, and receiving and forwarding complaints from the public to designated supervisor. Participates in fire inspections.

Completes all forms, records, and reports as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Must not be less than 18 years of age.